Funds for urban development

2782. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Kerala has urged his Ministry and submitted a proposal to provide Rs. 1210 crore for clearing Kerala Sustainable Urban Development Project and whether this would cover five municipal corporations and other municipalities;

(b) if so, whether money is proposed to be spent on roads, water supply (rehabilitation and new schemes);

(c) if so, whether other states have also urged Government for providing funds for such projects; and

(d) to what extent Government have agreed to provide funds for Urban Development in Kerala and other States?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Government of Kerala has sought assistance of Asian Development Bank (ADB) for the following:—

(i) Technical assistance for capacity building for Kerala Sustainable Urban Development Project for five Municipal Corporations *viz.*, Kozhikode, Kochi, Kollam, Thrissur and Thiruvananthapuram.

(ii) Technical Assistance for capacity building for municipal service delivery in Kerala for five municipal corporations and 53 municipalities.

(iii) Kerala Sustainable Urban Development Project at an estimated cost of US $ 292.3 million equivalent.

(b) Project components of Kerala Sustainable Urban Development Project are (i) water supply, (ii) sewerage & sanitation, (iii) drainage (iv) solid waste management and (v) roads and transport.

(c) and (d) Other States also seek assistance of ADB for development of urban infrastructure. Requirement of loan assistance is assessed and provided by ADB in consultation with respective State Governments. The proposals relating to Kerala are under examination for making suitable recommendations to Department of Economic Affairs.